

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NETWORK USER INTERFACE OLAP

REPORT FORMATTING

Abstract of the Disclosure

A network-based system for enabling users connected over the network to an OLAP system to select formatting options for reports requested for processing by the OLAP system. The system enables a user to select a workbook comprising one or more reports to be requested for processing by the OLAP system or to select a stand-alone report. The system then enables a user to select the format for each report in the workbook or to a stand-alone report. The format specified may be multiple levels of format that are applied in a hierarchical manner including global formats that apply to all reports in a workbook, report formats which apply to specific reports in the workbooks, attribute/element/metric formats which apply to specific attributes, elements, and metrics of a report, and value formats which apply to specific values within an element of a report. The formats specified may also comprise merged report formats that specify the merger of two or more reports, combined grid and graphs within a report and an autoformat that enables each recipient of the report to specify the format in which that recipient views the report when the report is received. Formatting may be auto-formats or through scripting